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Dear Examiner:

Prior to examination of this application, and responsive to the Decision on Petition Under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) dated July 22, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit this substitute preliminary amendment to claim the benefit of a prior-filed co-pending non-provisional application for review and acceptance.

This document is filed by Applicants' representative on behalf of the present Applicants for patent. Accordingly, references in this document to "we," "us," "our," and the like will be understood as indicating the present Applicants.